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Applicant: Garcia, *et al*. Filed: 03/01/2004

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Examiner: Matthew J. Smith

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Title: WELLBORE DRILLING SYSTEM AND METHOD

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Dear Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 1215.01, Applicants hereby withdraw this application from appeal and submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination along with a Response that fully addresses all outstanding rejections raised in the Final Office Action dated February 13, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.